

HOUSE BILL 3585

By Coleman

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 18, relative to duties of court clerks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 8-44-112. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, as an alternative to providing any notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation, a local government may give such notice to the public electronically by posting on the local government's web site or by using other electronic means generally available to the public, such as electronic newspapers or newsletters; provided, that the local legislative body shall adopt a resolution or ordinance setting out the procedures the local government shall use for providing the electronic public notice. At least thirty (30) days prior to implementing such procedures, the local government shall publish the procedures at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 18-1-105(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(___) Provide public notice in accordance with orders of the clerk's court, which may include providing public notice by electronic means when authorized by court order.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.